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In re Application of:	:	
SHIHALE, Thomas, et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION FOR
Application No.: 09/938,283	:	REVIVAL OF ABANDONED
Filing Date: August 23, 2001	:	APPLICATION UNDER
Attorney's Docket No.: 81715CIP	:	37 CFR 1.137(b)
For: CONTINUOUSLY CONNECTED	:	
FASTENER STOCK AND METHOD	:	
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the above-entitled application, filed January 09, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the final Office action mailed June 14, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period of reply of three (3) months. A response was not filed and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application was abandoned as of midnight on September 14, 2005.

On January 09, 2006, applicants filed the petition for revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b) considered herein. The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that it includes: (1) the petition fee; (2) the required statement of unintentional delay; and (3) the required reply in the form of a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) accompanied by the necessary fee and submission (the "Amendment" included with the RCE satisfies the submission requirement of 37 CFR 1.114). Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of June 14, 2005 (in the form of the RCE and submission) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 3728.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned.

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